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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF:

) Examiner: Colleen P. Cooke
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Serge Hoste, Frans Persyn and Isabel Van Driessche)

) Group Art Unit: 1725
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Serial No: 09/700,989

Issued Date: January 29, 2001

FOR: Method and Apparatus for Spraying to Form)
a Thick Coating)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2002

Honorable Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action of September 27, 2002, it is requested that the application be amended as follows:

In the claims

Cancel Claims 27 through 32 and 39 through 42 without prejudice.

Amend claims 33 and 36 as follows: